Answer

(*a*) Ponmudi Estate Employs 575 workers; Merchiston 450; Invercauld 320. and Bonaccaud 1028.

(*b*) 935, 662, 420 and 1,500 persons reside permanently in Ponmudi, Merchiston, Invercauld and Bonaccaud Estates respectively.

(*c*) Enumeration was conducted but ration cards were not issued.

(*d*) The quantities of controlled food stuffs issued per month to the different estates are as follows.—

	Wheat	*Rice*
	lbs.	*lbs.*
Ponmudi ..	3770	10273
Merchiston ..	2856	7616
Invercauld ..	1854	4944
Bonaccaud ..	5927	15889

(*e*) In Ponmudi Estate 573 acres are under tea cultivation, in Merchiston 475 acres; in Invercauld 309 and in Bonaccaud 967.

(*f*) 221 acres are under Rubber cultivation in the Poonmudi Estate and 83·3 acres in Bonaccaud Estate. The other two are wholly tea estates.

SALE OF FOOD GRAINS

30. [5] **P. S. Nataraja Pillai :** Will the hon. Minister for Finance be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the loss sustained by Government on account of sale of rationed food-grains for the period March to August 1951.

(*b*) the amount this Government received or expects to receive as subsidy from Government of India to meet the loss.

Answer

(*a*) Rs. 26 lakhs.

(*b*) Rs. 144·25 lakhs.

GROUNDNUT CAKE

31. [6] **Sri. P. S. Nataraja Pillai :** Will the hon. Minister for Food be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the quantity of groundnut cake imported by Government for manure during the period March to August 1951;

(*b*) the quantity distributed in each of the Revenue Divisions to cultivators during the above period;

(*c*) the value of the Groundnut Cake imported during this period and the loss if any sustained by its sale ?

Answer

(*a*) Nil.

(*b*) The following quantities have been distributed from the previous stocks.—

Trivandrum ..	116	Tons	15½	Cwts.
Quilon ..	77	,,	4	,,
Kottayam ..	139	,,	12	,,
Trichur ..	5	,,	13	,,

(c) Does not arise in the light of the answer to (a) above.

PADDY PROCUREMENT

32. [7] **Sri. P. S. Nataraja Pillai :** Will the hon. Minister for Food be pleased to state.—

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